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Congressman Glass

Visited Big Stone Gap and Spoke to a Large Audience in School Auditorium Saturday Night.

Hon. Carter Glass, of Lynchburg, Congressman from the Sixth District of Virginia, addressed an audience that filled the large auditorium in the school building Saturday night in the interest of Democracy. Mr. Glass' visit to Big Stone Gap was looked forward to with much interest and people came from all parts of Wise and Lee counties to hear him.

A reception committee, composed of Jno. W. Chalkley, D. M. Hodges, Caney Collier, R. T. Irvine, Judge H. A. W. Skeen, Geo. L. Taylor and W. H. Nickels, Jr., met the speaker at East Stone Gap and escorted him in automobiles to the school building where they were greeted with much enthusiasm.

Jno. W. Chalkley, chairman of the Democratic County Committee, introduced Mr. Glass in a short speech and said the people of Big Stone Gap were to be congratulated in having secured the consent of this noted statesman to visit this section. He said that Mr. Glass, by reason of his close relations to the President, would give some reliable facts in regard to the democratic administration and especially about the financial bills pass by the last session of Congress.

Mr. Glass began his address by saying that he was just from a busy desk at Washington, where he had been confined for the past few weeks attending to his duties as secretary of the Democratic National Campaign Committee, but would endeavor to explain the many achievements of the democratic administration. He dwelt for some time on the Federal Reserve Fund and the Rural Credit Bills, which were explained in detail. Several times the speaker was interrupted by applause from the audience.

Mr. Glass, being chairman of the National Currency Committee, took a leading part in the enactment of these measures and described them fully. He closed his speech with an earnest appeal for the re-election of Woodrow Wilson to the presidency, who had proved himself the greatest executive since Thomas Jefferson, and for the election of E. Lee Trinkle as congressman from the Ninth District. Mr. Glass left Sunday morning for Abingdon, where he spoke at noon Monday and at Rural Retreat Monday night.

"Soft Drinks" Merchants

Must Have License After November 1st.

The Prohibition Act, which goes into effect November 1st, contains a provision requiring all sellers and dispensers of soft drinks to obtain a license from the circuit court in order to exercise this privilege, and imposing heavy penalties for selling such drinks without having first obtained this license. A great many citizens of the country, through ignorance of this law, are very likely to be caused inconvenience if they fail to take out licenses, and we publish below a copy of the sections of the Prohibition Act covering the "soft drink" provision.

Prominent Farmer Sick.

Freeling, Va., October 20.—Alexander Mullins, a prominent farmer of this place, is very ill. He has been suffering from some chronic affection for several months, and his illness has taken a serious turn during the last two days. It is thought to be doubtful if he can survive many days. He is about 65 years of age, and is a native Kentuckian.

CONCERNING THE HARLAN-BRISTOL HIGHWAY.

Bristol, Oct. 10, 1916. Mr. Chas. Henry Davis, Pres., National Highways Association, South Yarmouth, Mass.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your favor of the 4th, in regard to Highway from Bristol to Harlan, Ky. I have to inform you that the Bristol-Lexington Highway, now called Boone Way, passes within a few miles of Harlan County, as you will see from the enclosed copy of Bristol Highway Map. An easy connection may be made at Ben Hur, in Lee County, Corinth on the U. S. Geological Map, across Cumberland Mountain and down Long Branch and Martin's Fork to Harlan.

I have assured Mr. Coutts that Lee County, Virginia will build the short section to the top of Cumberland Mountain, as soon as Harlan County provides for and builds to the Lee line.

The construction of Boone Way is already provided for or assured. From Ben Hur to the top of Powell Mountain, between Sticklyville and Duffield, about 22 miles, the road is graded, and about 9 miles macadamized, and the funds provided with which to macadamize the other 13 miles and the Convict Camp, under State Supervision, is now constructing this 13 miles.

From the top of Powell Mountain to Duffield, 4 miles, the road has just been graded, largely by private subscription. An \$80,000 bond issue was voted last Spring with which to grade the road from Duffield to the Clinch River at Speers Ferry (as well as other roads), but there was some illegality in the election, and another election will have to be held, but the bond issue will carry again.

From Clinch River, at Speers Ferry, via Gate City, the road is graded to Holston River, about 13 miles, except half a mile at Clinch River, and funds are in hand with which to macadamize this 13 miles, and convicts are at work on it now. Then there is about 4 miles of old dirt and gravel road to Bloomingdale, Tenn., a graded road to Arcadia, and a macadam road to Bristol via Blountville.

However, Boone Way east of Moccasin Gap follows a more direct route to Bristol, which is all graded but 4 miles, and bonds were voted to grade this 4 miles, but held illegal and will be voted again. With the use of some Federal Aid, we expect to macadamize this road the entire distance in two or three years.

In reply to letters from Mr. Coutts, I have twice requested him to give me information as to the present and future plans or prospects for Harlan County making the connected suggested, but have had no information on the subject.

As you will see from the enclosed map, and from the facts herein set out, there is no trouble about a road to Bristol from Harlan, so far as the Virginia end is concerned, and it is simply up to Harlan County to wake up and build a road out to Boone Way at Ben Hur, or some point in this locality.

From the map of Harlan County, it would appear that no serious trouble should be encountered in arousing interest in this project in Harlan County.

I thank you for the map and pamphlets.

With best wishes for the cause of Good Roads Everywhere.

Yours very truly,
Henry Roberts, Pres.

(A better route for the Bristol to Harlan road would be by the way of Big Stone Gap and Keokee, where, we understand, a good grade can be secured across the mountain. From Keokee to the Lee County line, about five miles from Duffield, where it connects with the Bristol to Lexington highway, there is a good road, the larger portion of which is macadamized. This is the most feasible route to Harlan.—Ed.)

Packing Plant

To Be Organized at Kingsport, Tenn.

The citizens of Sullivan and adjacent counties met at Kingsport, Tenn., Tuesday, October 3rd, and organized a packing plant. The meeting composed of farmers and stock raisers was held in the I. O. O. F. Building. This was one of the most enthusiastic meetings that has been witnessed in Kingsport for some time. All present seemed to be aware of the great importance of a packing house for this section, and all were eager to take stock in the organization.

Mr. J. Fred Johnson called the meeting to order and when the time arrived for subscriptions over man wanted stock and in a few minutes time the list run up to forty thousand dollars, this amount will probably be doubled in less than a week. This plant will take care of some 200 to 300 head of hogs per day and 50 to 100 head of cattle per day.

This will be a great market for a large section of country and this home organization will be run along the lines of Armour and Swift and other big packing houses in other cities. Truly this is another step in the right direction and means another industry for Kingsport.—Kingsport Times.

R. L. PARKS DIES AT PINEVILLE.

Former Manager of Monte Vista Hotel Succumbs to Attack of Typhoid.

News was received here Saturday of the death of R. L. Parks, former manager of the Monte Vista Hotel at this place, which occurred at Pineville, Ky., Friday night, after an illness of three weeks from an attack of typhoid fever. It was learned that Mr. Parks had been suffering with a complication of diseases since leaving Big Stone Gap the first of June, and was in bad health when attacked with typhoid.

Mr. Parks had twice served as manager of the Monte Vista Hotel here and in all he lived in Big Stone Gap about five years, where he and his estimable family made many friends. He resigned his position on June 1st to take the management of the Continental Hotel at Pineville, Ky., which is one of the largest hotels in Eastern Kentucky.

Dr. J. W. Kelly and C. S. Carter, two intimate friends of the deceased, attended the funeral at Pineville Sunday. The burial was attended by a large crowd, many of whom were from neighboring towns.

The deceased was 55 years old and is survived by a wife and two children, Frank, aged 14 years and an infant two months old.

Norton To Have New Depot.

It is stated officially that an appropriation of \$35,000.00 has been made for a new depot at Norton. This comes from N. & W. source. It is understood that the appropriation would have been made sooner but for certain disagreements between the N. & W. and the L. & N. It is further understood that the work will be begun immediately.—Norton Reporter.

Swanson Unopposed.

No candidate having been named by Virginia Republicans within the time allowed for filing notice of candidacy, which has expired, United States Senator Claud A. Swanson will be unopposed for re-election. It has been announced at Republican State headquarters that the candidate selected by the State executive committee had declined to accept the nomination.—Bedford Bulletin.

May Quarantine Maryland Also.

State Board of Health Alarmed at Situation in Baltimore, Where Paralysis is Not Yet Declining.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 21.—Unless infantile paralysis declines in Maryland very soon, the State Board of Health is apprehensive that that State will have to be included in the area against which Virginia has established partial quarantine.

Health Committee Williams is in daily communication with the health authorities of Maryland, is receiving regular reports of new cases and is hoping that the situation in that State will improve. In case it does, drastic action may not be necessary and the present quarantine may be raised at no distant date.

Discussing the general outlook today, Dr. Williams made the following statement: "The original epidemic in New York appears to have practically run its course but some of the epidemics that probably had their origin in New York are still active. We have watched these carefully and have modified the quarantine as our experience justified, but we do not feel that all danger is past by any means. The most hopeful aspect of the situation is that the disease seems to abate or at least to lose some of its epidemic form when cold weather comes on. This may merely mean that trouble is postponed until next summer, in which case immediate action will be necessary."

"The United States Public Health Service recently published the returns for infantile paralysis during September in all the States. Virginia had fewer cases by far than any other State on the Atlantic seaboard, with the possible exception of North Carolina, which did not file a report. Inasmuch as Virginia has the most stringent quarantine of any of these States, it is reasonable to suppose that quarantine has been responsible for at least a part of our relative immunity. It is the one weapon we have employed that some other states have neglected and it can hardly be a coincidence that our morbidity was so low. The board cannot afford not to read its warning from this situation and would be recreant in its duty if it took chances."

"The board will dislike having to quarantine against Maryland, but if the situation in Maryland does not improve, we must take those precautions which our experience leads us to believe have protected us from the disease as it has appeared in other States."

Former East Stone Gap Teacher Married.

Miss Courtney Williams, of Richmond, who taught in the East Stone Gap Public School for two years and at Toms Creek one year, a few years ago, were married last Saturday at six o'clock at her home in Richmond to Mr. L. H. Crawden, of Richmond, but who has a position in Williamsburg, where they will make their future home. Mrs. Crawden, who is very popular, has a host of friends in this community, having visited in the Gap several times, the guest of Miss Janet Bailey, they, Mrs. Crawden and Miss Bailey, having been school mates at Blackstone College.

Southern's Coal Tipple

At Charleston Made Good Record During First Year.

Charleston, S. C., Oct. 21.—Construction of the Southern Railway's modern export coal tipple having made Charleston available as a coal port, the first year of its operation has closed with a record which promises great expansion and prosperity for the city.

During the year when there was an abnormal scarcity of ships, 98 steamships have taken coal from the Southern's Charleston pier for movement overseas, 7 taking cargo, 14 cargo and bunker, and 77 bunker only. Of the cargoes, 14 moved to Cuba, 6 to South America, and 1 to Spain.

The export movement amounted to 63,123 tons while 40,086 tons were bunkered. There was a coastwise movement of 45,255 tons, making a total of 148,464 tons of coal dumped over the pier. In addition 2,066 tons of iron ore and 2,114 tons of coke were exported.

Extract From Acts of Assembly of 1916, Page 245.

Section 64-a. The words "soft drinks" as used in this act, shall be construed to embrace and include any and all beverages patented, domestic or otherwise, of every description and kind, which may be offered for sale, in this State, not embraced in the words "ardent spirits" as defined in this act.

Section 64-b. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to dispense soft drinks without first obtaining a license to do so (for which no additional tax shall be charged) from the circuit court of the county, or corporation or hustings court of the city in which county or city the privileges are to be exercised. Any citizen may appear personally in person or by counsel in opposition to the granting of said license, and the court may in its discretion refuse to grant such license if convinced that the person applying is not a suitable person to exercise the said privilege, and the court may revoke such license after giving the holder of the same an opportunity to be heard in opposition to such revocation; provided it shall not be necessary to obtain such license to sell soft drinks at any place for benevolent or charitable purposes. Provided further that it shall be unlawful for any dispenser of soft drinks to use any ardent spirits as a flavor or mixture.

Any person violating any provisions of this section of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than twenty-five nor more than one hundred dollars for the first offense, and shall be fined not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars for the second offense, and for every subsequent offense shall be fined not less than one hundred nor more five hundred dollars, and confined in jail not less than one nor more than six months.

Your Town.

If you want to live in the kind of a town
Like the kind of a town you like,
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip
And start on a long, long hike,
You'll only find what you left behind,
For there's nothing that's really new;
It's knock at yourself when you knock
Your town—
It isn't the town, it's you.

Real towns are not made by men afraid
Lest somebody gets ahead;
When everyone works and nobody shirks
You can raise a town from the dead,
And if, while you make your personal stake,
Your neighbor can make one, too,
Your town will be what you want to see—
It isn't the town, it's you.

SEES GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

Socialist Predicts Railroads Will Be Taken Over Inside Ten Years.

Washington, Oct. 21.—Uncle Sam is going into the railroad business within the next decade, according to Benjamin C. Marsh, of New York, executive secretary of the real preparedness committee, of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society, an organization backed morally and financially by Amos Pinchot. "Every railroad in the United States—262,000 miles of them"—said Marsh today, "will pass from private ownership within ten years, to be operated in the interests of the public instead of the interests of privilege. The railroad capitalists, being human, wish to get wine prices for rain water. It is our mission to squeeze all the water out of the roads before the government takes them over." Declaring ultimate government operations of all roads inevitable, Marsh said "the real problem is to see that the properties are not unloaded on the public at more than their actual value."

Beautiful Reception.

Mrs. W. T. Goodloe was the hostess of a lovely reception on Friday afternoon from three-thirty to six o'clock, complimentary to her house guests, Miss Lida Carter, of Norfolk, Miss Katharine Peyton, of Charlottesville, and Miss Roberta Buck, of Front Royal.

The guests were received at the door by Mrs. L. O. Pettit, Mrs. G. L. Taylor and Mrs. W. S. Beverly and then in the parlor by Mrs. W. T. Goodloe and Miss Lida Carter. They were then invited into the spacious dining room by Mrs. W. H. Polly, this being tastefully decorated with large cut glass vases and bowls filled with quantities of cosmos, chrysanthemums, dahlias and crystal candelabras holding pink burning candles, which made a very attractive setting for the large number of guests. In the dining room Mrs. W. G. Painter presided at the tea and coffee urns. Mrs. H. A. W. Skeen, Mrs. Ed Goodloe, Mrs. John Goodloe, Mrs. W. R. Peck, Miss Katharine Peyton and Miss Louise Goodloe served delicious tea and coffee, sandwiches, ice cream, cake and after-dinner mints, the color scheme of pink and white being effectively carried out in the refreshments and decorations.

Delightful music was played all during the afternoon on an Edison Disc operated by Mrs. Geo. L. Taylor.

Among those who called during the afternoon were: Messdames J. W. Fox, R. E. Taggart, M. Shunk, H. L. Miller, H. E. Fox, W. A. Baker, M. R. McCorkle, M. Smith, E. F. Burgess, J. L. McCormick, W. N. Wagner, C. S. Carter, H. S. Benjamin, G. Bogard, J. A. Youell, of Olinger; G. Trueman, J. P. Wolfe, J. L. Bostwick, A. J. Wolfe, C. L. Rowe, H. J. Burnett, G. N. Knight, A. D. Owens, C. I. Wade, B. E. Rhoads, D. B. Pierson, H. M. Hinkle, R. B. Alsover, Hyde and guest, J. H. Mathews, Hyatt, J. W. Chalkley, G. B. Southward, Ramsey, J. W. Kelly, E. J. Prescott, H. A. Alexander, of Imboden; Otis Mouser, J. H. Pierpoint, Sutton, J. W. Smith, Norman, S. Polly and John Ray. Misses Smith, Esther Southward, Mary and Elizabeth Connor, Mary Ramsey, Theda Graber, Margaret Pierpoint, Georgia and Minnie Bostwick, Nemo Vineyard, Claribel Lockett, Mary Lou White, Mary Lee Maiden, Margaret Mathews, Olga Horton, Edna Gilly, Janet Bailey and Miss Honaker, of Lexington, Ky.

One gathering from the estimates of the national campaign managers that there are now but forty-eight doubtful states.